



EXHIBIT A

Statement By Inventor To Be Added Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c)(2)

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Application of: Duffy et al. Confirmation No.: 1003
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Sir:

I, Timothy Vanderveen, have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified application and the Request for Correction of Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c) to be submitted concurrently herewith to amend the above-identified application to correctly name all of the inventors. I hereby state that the amendment of the inventors to add my name is necessitated by an amendment of the claims and further that the inventorship error occurred without deceptive intention on my part in the omission of my name as co-inventor.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I further declare that all statements made by me herein are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date

August 11, 2003


Timothy Vanderveen